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STEERING APPARATUS FOR RAIL NON-CONTACT VEHICLE AND STEERING METHOD FOR THE SAME

## LETTER REQUESTING INITIALED PTO/SB/08 FORMS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reviewing the above-captioned application file, the undersigned has noted that even though the Examiner initialed the PTO/SB/08 Forms filed on April 28, 2005 and December 26, 2006, there is a line struck through some of the references. This makes it unclear as to whether consideration was given or not.

The Patent and Trademark Office therefore is requested to return the initialed forms without the strike-through lines to the undersigned as soon as possible.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted.

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